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In re Application of: William Velander *et al.*

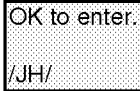
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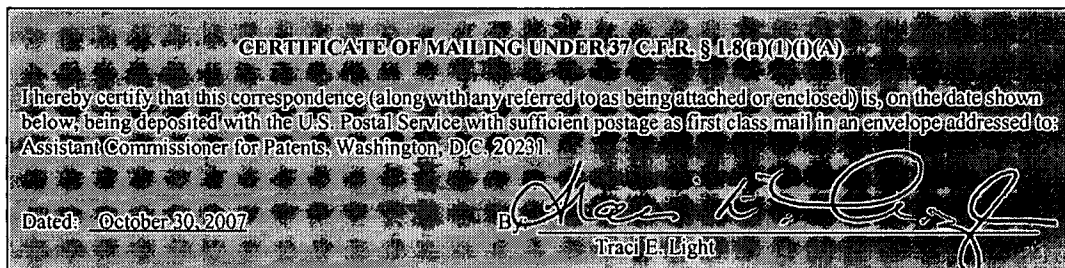
Examiner: Hama, J.

Entitled: **Transgenic Prothrombin And Related Prothrombin Precursors**



**DECLARATION OF STEPHEN BUTLER, M.S.
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.132**

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Examiner Hama:

I, Steven Butler M.S., under penalty of perjury, state that:

1. I am the author of the Masters Thesis entitled “Production and Secretion of Recombinant Human Fibrinogen by the Transgenic Murine Mammary Gland” as cited against the United States patent application captioned above.
2. I am qualified as an expert in the field of protein expression from transgenic mammals.
3. It is my belief that my Masters thesis was sequestered following graduation and was not available to the public until after August 18, 2000.